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MECHANIZED LOGGING INCREASES OUTPUT

RAFTING PLAN EXCEEDED -- Leninskoye Znamya, No 167, 24 Aug 49

In the first half of 1949, the Bochelovskiy Timber Management, Pudozhskiy Rayon, Karelo-Finnish SSR, produced 24,729 cubic meters of timber above plan. The rafting plan was exceeded by a considerable margin. By 1 July, the city of Leningrad had been provided with 108,000 cubic meters of timber instead of 86,000, as per plan. During the 6 months, 2,600,000 rubles were saved.

These successes were attained because of the increased labor productivity effected by using electric power for felling and other laborious operations. The use of electric power cuts the cost of felling by one ruble 90 kopeks per cubic meter.

MECHANIZATION BOOST OUTPUT -- *Leninskoye Znanya*, No 176, 6 Sep 49

Two of the mechanized timber managements of the Karelo-Finnish SSR, the Malen'gekiy and Virandozero Timber Managements, have pledged to use their equipment more effectively and thereby to fulfill the year-plan ahead of time.

The Virandozero Timber Management now has 14 skidding tractors, which have replaced about 100 horses. The timber management has pledged to exceed its plan by 20,000 cubic meters of wood and to fulfill its year-plan by 5 December.

The Malen'gskiy Timber Management now has 14 skidding tractors. At three of its four timber centers, the continuous method of production is in effect and all logging operations there are fully mechanized. The last center is to be mechanized in the immediate future. The timber management has pledged to produce 195,000 cubic meters of wood for 1949, which is 41,000 more than for 1948, and to fulfill the year plan by 25 December.

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Tractor drivers of this timber management skidded up to 40-50 cubic meters of wood per tractor per shift and averaged 3,550 cubic meters per tractor for the first 6 months of 1949.

One driver of a KT-12 skidding tractor who skidded 40-50 cubic meters of wood per day reported that his output could have been greater except for certain difficulties. The fuel for his tractor was not thoroughly dry. There was a great deal of delay at the landing point. The buckers were slow in crosscutting the boles which he brought in. If these difficulties are eliminated, output of the tractor drivers will increase as much as 1½ to 2 times.

The narrow-gauge railroad of the Malen'gskiy Timber Management dispatched 70,000 cubic meters of wood during the 1948 - 1949 fall and winter season, which was more than double its annual norm. During the first 6 months of 1949, 18,500 cubic meters of wood were dispatched. Per shift, this amounted to 500-600 cubic meters.

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